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(57) Abstract: An animal rumen-resistant feed supplement in the solid form, said feed supplement comprising at least one methionine derivative and a porous carrier material wherein (a) said methionine derivative is selected from the group consisting of liquid and solid esters of the 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio) butanoic acid, with the proviso that solid esters have a melting point of 100°C at most; the 2-amino-4-methylthiobutanamide and the 2-hydroxy-4-methylthiobutanamide, (b) said methionine derivative accounts for at least 20% and up to 70% by weight of the feed supplement and (c) said supplement is in the form of particles having a size range of from 80 to 600 microns.

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